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WIRE STRIKE IS AGAIN ON

Los Angeles Operators of Western Union Are Out.

COMPANY IS BLAMED

Members of Union Say Faith Was Not Kept--Contest May Involve Other Cities.

Los Angeles, Aug. 8.—The strike of Western Union telegraph operators here continues. According to the men about 65 or 70 operators are out. The company, however, is taking care of all business offered.

Only One at Work.
Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 8.—Every operator but one in the Western Union Offices here walked out yesterday, transforming the recently made peace into war.

The strike took officials of the company here completely by surprise, although they received warning Tuesday in the shape of an ultimatum.

According to the operators, one of the causes leading up to the walkout was the preference given by company officials to the word of a strike breaker over that of a union man.

Ultimatum Treated as Bluff.
It seems that one of the regular operators had trouble with a strike breaker during the recent strike in San Francisco. Complaint was lodged by the strikebreaker and the case was taken up this week and the operator here was discharged. He applied for reinstatement, but his application was ignored by the manager.

The other operators took up the case and served an ultimatum on the company, saying if the discharged man was not reinstated by 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon they would all walk out. The manager regarded this as a bluff, but when the time came and no answer was given they left the keys.

Some of the operators who have walked out quote this case as typical of the company's attitude toward the men since the conclusion of the recent hostilities. They declare the company has failed to live up to its promises and charge against it in particular the treatment which women operators belonging to the union have received.

PRICES OF STOCKS STILL GO HIGHER

Continuation of Wednesday's Tendency Shown at Opening of Market—Bears Make Raid.

New York, Aug. 8.—The opening dealings in stocks showed liquidation was still in force. There were some sharp declines and heavy offerings of some prominent stocks. The declines reached 1 to 2 1/2 points, the latter in Northern Pacific.

A futile effort to sustain prices gave away to downward plunges while raising tactics by bears were indicated by a feverish recovery. The Harriman and Hill groups, and Reading and Coppers bore the brunt of the attack. Covering by shorts caused rallies of 1 to 2 points in the most active stocks.

PACIFIC STEAMERS COLLIDE IN A FOG

Alliance Sunk by City of Panama But Passengers and Crew are all Saved.

Portland, Aug. 8.—The Portland and San Francisco liner, City of Panama, enroute from Portland, with a full list of passengers, today during a fog, collided with and sank the steamer Alliance from Goose bay with passengers and freight near the mouth of Willamette river. The passengers of the Alliance were brought to Portland.

MONUMENT FOR JEFF DAVIS

Last Act of Alabama Legislature Provides for a Shaft.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 8.—The final act of the Alabama legislature which adjourned last night was to pass a bill for the erection of a monument to Jefferson Davis near the place where he received the oath of office as president of the confederacy.

Force Mines to Close.

Trinidad, Col., Aug. 8.—Being unable to secure cars on account of the trainmen's strike on the Colorado & Southern railroad 16 coal mines in this vicinity closed down, throwing out of work, 2,500 men.

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Remains of Murdered Timber Man Are Dug Up in Colorado, SO THE OWNERS SAY

Steve Adams Pointed Out the Improvised Grave Said to Have Been Hastily Dug.

Telluride, Col., Aug. 8.—What is said to be the skeleton of W. J. Barney, the timber man employed on the Smuggler Union mine who mysteriously disappeared in June, 1901, was exhumed yesterday near the Alta mill, 12 miles from town, by General Buckley Willis, manager of the Smuggler Union Mining company and others.

Pointed Out by Steve Adams.
According to Willis's account the remains were found in an improvised grave and its location was pointed out by Steve Adams, now in jail in Idaho awaiting trial on the charge of murder.

Barney incurred the ill-will of the union here by working at the Smuggler Union mine after the strike in 1901.

GASOLINE ONE CENT LESS

Standard Oil Company Meets Competition at Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 8.—The Standard Oil company has reduced the wholesale price of gasoline 1 cent a gallon within the last twenty-four hours, and the fuel can be bought for 13 cents here. This reduction has been met by the independent concern, the Greenlake Oil company. Kerosene remains the same price as heretofore.

In view of the recent decision of Judge Landis that the Standard Oil company must pay a fine of \$29,240,000 this drop in price is mysterious. Edward C. Conkling, local manager for the trust, refused to explain the reduction in the price.

"We have reduced the price of gasoline to 13 cents," said T. H. Stephens of the Greenlake company. "We have no connection whatever with the Standard Oil company. We drop the price simply to meet competition."

BATTLESHIP IN TRIAL TRIP

Connecticut, Built by the Government, Makes Average Speed of 19 Knots.

Rockland, Me., Aug. 8.—In runs over a measured mile course outside of the harbor yesterday the first battleship Connecticut, the first battleship of the class built by the government, made an average speed of 18.7 knots. The fastest mile was made in 19.91. The trial was marred by a fatal accident, L. M. Turner, a fireman from the battleship Ohio for the test, was killed by a bucket of ashes weighing 200 pounds falling on him.

AT JAMESTOWN IN FORCE

Knights of Columbus Celebrating at Exposition Grounds.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 8.—Monsignor Falconio, papal delegate to the United States and Governor Swanson, of Virginia were the center of attraction at the Jamestown exposition today with many thousands in attendance. Surrounding Falconio were many dignitaries among the Catholic clergy of America as well as many prominent lay members of the church.

SPREAD TEMPERANCE CAUSE

Catholic Abstinence Union to Establish Lecture Bureau.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 8.—According to reports read at today's session of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, the organization now has 1,000 branches and over a million members. A lecture bureau will be established by the convention and the doctrine of temperance spread among Catholics in all parts of the United States.

FOUND DEAD IN A STABLE

Superintendent of Construction Believed a Suicide.

Loraine, Ohio, Aug. 8.—Arthur L. Fitch, superintendent of construction for the Sheffield Land company, was found dead in a stable last night with a bullet wound in the head. It is believed to be a case of suicide although Fitch's wife insists he was murdered. Fitch was prominent and prosperous.

Coal Dispute Settled.

Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 8.—The dispute in the coal trade here has been settled and work was resumed today.

CARPISGLAM'S AID

United States Commission Finds Spawn Hatches in Gills of the Fish.

REPORTS TO MANUFACTURERS

Trip Down the Mississippi Apparently Successful in Evolving Plan to Save Button Industry.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—The private life of the clam has been penetrated. Prying muckrakers of the government's bureau of fisheries have dug into the hidden chapter in the career of the bivalves and its early history has been laid bare with a freedom calculated to cause a sensation in the west world. It is the fresh water tribe of clams, of so much importance to the pearl button industry, about which revelations are being sought in response to the beseechings of manufacturers of these indispensable articles.

It is the despised German carp, the bane of the fisherman, who is the clam's best friend in the early days of its youth, and the ill wind for the manufacturer which revealed the clam's history may blow good for the carp, his savior.

Clam's Early Habits Revealed.

The National Association of Pearl Button Manufacturers met in Chicago yesterday at the Brevoort hotel, holding a special session that it might obtain new information on the subject of the clam. The manufacturers, face to face with the fact that clams were becoming extinct rapidly, had solicited the aid of the bureau of fisheries. To hear the report of the investigation by the bureau, the meeting was held yesterday.

Two authorities revealed the history of the clam. Dr. Paul Barsh of the Smithsonian institution and Dr. W. C. Curtis of the University of Missouri. They said the German carp, which preys on other fish and is exterminated whenever found, was the best friend the clam has.

This statement was brought out when they explained that when the clam spawned the spawns attach themselves to the gills or fins of fish. The manufacturers asked for the name of the fish best suited to act as orphan asylums for wandering clam spawns, and that is where the German carp won its recommendation.

Will Keep Up the Investigation.

The association appointed committees to urge the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri, the states most affected, to take up the cultivation of clams under proper observance at their fish hatcheries, that the relation of the clam and the carp might be determined accurately.

All of which, according to the pearl button manufacturers, goes to show that although the clam may be kept as close muzzled as the proverbial clam of song and story, a \$5,000,000 industry was bound to smoke out its life history.

NOTHING IS LEFT

Two Big Roads Shown to Have Failed to Earn Dividends in the Last Half Year.

New York, Aug. 8.—As shown by statements issued today neither the New York Central or the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railroads earned their dividends during the six months ending June 30, principally because of increased operating expenses.

POLISH PRIEST IN MURDER ROLE

Shoots Two Proprietors of Hotel at Pittsburgh, One Dying and Other is Fatally Hurt.

Pittsburg, Aug. 8.—Ludwig Seegiel, said to be an unattached Polish priest of Chicago walked into a hotel on Carson street early today and without warning whipped out a revolver and opened fire upon the two proprietors, Steven and Andrew Starynski. Steven died within an hour and physicians say Andrew cannot recover. The cause of the shooting is shrouded in mystery.

RABBI CURSES GROUND ON WHICH ANNA MARKOWITZ WAS MURDERED

Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 8.—At the funeral of Anna Markowitz, who was assaulted and murdered Sunday night near the spot where Dona Gilman met a similar fate, the officiating rabbi formally and with ceremony cursed the ground upon which the girl had been killed. He prayed that no rain would ever fall upon it and that no flower or spear of grass would grow upon it.

He recited a psalm and then went to each member of the bereaved family

APPEAL IS ASKED FOR

Oil Trust Seeks to Carry Case Up to a Higher Court

AND ESCAPE BIG FINE

Report Records Have Been Destroyed at Cincinnati Strenuously Denied.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Attorneys for the Standard Oil company of Indiana, which was recently fined \$29,240,000 in the United States district court here, today presented to Judge Landis a motion seeking an appeal in the case. Hearing on the motion will be held tomorrow.

Oil Trust Burning Papers.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 8.—The Standard Oil company before moving to its new quarters in Covington, Ky., across the Ohio river, burned tons of papers, including, it was reported, bills of lading, freight bills, and other documents in the furnace of the old quarters on Walnut street, in this city. The report said that the company had burned the papers to forestall possible action by either the state or federal authorities.

C. H. Hand for the company says: "We only burned old papers that have been on hand for years. There is nothing in the story that the papers were destroyed to circumvent possible legal action."

MISS WOODYATT WILL SING

Moline Young Lady Soloist With Peterson's Band Tomorrow.

Miss Irene Woodyatt of Moline, will be soloist with Peterson's band in the concert at the Watch Tower tomorrow evening. Another special number will be a duet for cornet and trombone by Hugo Toll and Henry Sonntag, Jr. Following is the program for the day:

AFTERNOON.

March—"Amelia".....Chambers
Overture—"Raymond".....Thomas
Selection from "The Governor's Son".....George Cohan
a) Intermezzo—"Cherry".....Morst
b) Characteristics—"Oska-Leo-sa-Lo".....Burton
Waltz, "Love's Thought".....Mann
Spanish serenade—"Lolita".....Langley
Melodies from the opera "Loves Lottery".....Edwards
Turkish patrol.....Michaelis
Bits of Broadway Hits.....Alfred

EVENING.

March—"The Diplomat".....Sousa
Overture—"The Bohemian Girl" Balfe
Waltz—"Vision of Beautiful Women".....Fahrbach
Grand selection from "Romeo and Juliet".....Gounod
Duet for cornet and trombone, prison scene from "Il Traviatore" Verdi
Hugo Toll and Henry Sonntag, Jr.
Melodies from "Babes in Toyland".....Herbert
Soprano solo—"Love Me and the World is Mine".....Ernest Ball
.....Miss Irene Woodyatt,.....

a) A Whispered Thought.....Johnsea
b) March—"On Parade".....Holzman
Rossiter's sunny songs.....Alford
Introducing the latest songs and hits.

CALL EXTENDED FOR PASTOR

Grace Lutheran Church Asks Pennsylvania to Come Here.

Rev. Ira C. Nohsteden of Summit Hill, Pa. has been extended a call by the congregation of Grace Lutheran church to succeed Rev. C. E. Hoffman resigned. He is 33 years of age and married, and is highly recommended.

BIRDS DEAD UNDER A TREE

Peculiar Work of Storm Noted Near Sterling.

According to the Sterling Standard 185 dead blackbirds were picked up under a tree near that city yesterday morning, having been killed during the storm Tuesday night. As there were no evidence of lightning the manner in which the birds were killed is a mystery.

TO PROBE BRIBERY

Charges in Connection with \$1,569,600 Causes a Stir in Boston Town.

COUNCILMEN ARE SUMMONED

Prosecuting Attorney Believes That Money Was Actually Paid Members for Their Votes.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 8.—Every one of the 75 members of the common council will be summoned to testify in an inquiry into charges of bribery in connection with the passage recently of a loan bill for \$1,569,600. It was intended originally by District Attorney Moran to summon all the republican members and a few democratic members, but he changed his mind because of information he received that led him to believe money was actually paid to some democratic members at the time the bill was passed. He was told certain men who naturally would be with the administration had been paid, so he concluded to have all the members before the grand jury.

One Democrat In.
Up to the present only one officeholder and democratic leader is mentioned prominently at the court house in connection with the case. This man, it is declared, is one of the most prominent democratic politicians in Boston, high in the councils of the city administration.

PEACE NOT RESTORED

Desultory Firing Continues at Casa Blanca, Morocco.

JEW QUARTER SACKED

Moorish Section in Ruins But Foreigners are All Safe--Big Force Landed.

Tangier, Aug. 8.—French warships yesterday landed 2,000 men at Casa Blanca, where street fighting apparently continues, judging from the desultory firing heard day and night by those on board ships anchored off the town.

The Jewish quarter of Casa Blanca has been sacked. Many persons were massacred in the streets, and the city is said to be full of dead Moors, and the Moorish quarter is in ruins, having been set on fire by shells from the big guns of the cruisers.

All Stores Closed.

All stores are closed and much hunger and distress prevails among the poor. Foreign consuls have ordered the stores reopened. Europeans are all safe, either on board ships or at the consulates.

Tangier, Aug. 8.—A dispatch from Cas Blanca says the greater part of the magazine was destroyed by the bombardment but the consuls was not injured. It is reported during the shelling the Moors attacked the Jewish quarters and killed many persons.

WOMEN CLAM DIGGERS DOING THE WORK OF MEN

Have Separate Camp Near McGregor and Make Success of the Enterprise.

An interesting state of affairs exists at Yellow river, a point on the Mississippi about three miles of McGregor, where there is a camp of women clam diggers. The daughters of the Mississippi are entirely separated from the men who have a camp near them, and are not, as many think upon first seeing them, the wives of the clam diggers. They have been there for the past five years and conduct their operations entirely independently.

The youngest of the small colony is but seventeen years old. Those who have watched them work say that it is simply wonderful to see the way the women handle the heavy lines, never finding it necessary to call for help from the men at any time.

Constant exposure to the sun has made them brown as berries and their arms and throats where their rough dresses are turned back, are tanned to a dark hue. It is said by those familiar with the workings of the clam diggers' camp that the women are experts at the business and records show that they have taken out as many valuable pearls as all the men in the vicinity combined.

The women live in cabins on the bank of the Mississippi and have an old woman who cooks and does the housekeeping for them. The female workers are well fixed and have a launch of their own and all the conveniences necessary to their work.

SUICIDE'S BODY RECOVERED

Remains of Fred Fuils of Sterling Found at Camanche.

The body of Fred Fuils, a Sterling young man who jumped into the Mississippi with suicidal intent near Clinton some days ago was found at Camanche yesterday. Fuils was apparently demented. His hat which he left on the bank of the river led to the discovery of his fate.

Settle Coal Trouble.

Pittsburg, Aug. 8.—At a conference this afternoon of officers of the United Mine Workers of America and officers of the Pittsburg Coal company, all grievances that threatened to bring on a strike of 14,000 men were amicably adjusted.

Regular Dividend Declared.

New York, Aug. 8.—Directors of the Union Pacific today declared their regular quarterly dividends of 2 1/2 per cent on common stock and semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on preferred.

Sues for Divorce.

Mrs. Alice M. Smith of Moline has filed a bill for divorce from her husband, James Smith, in the circuit court, charging him with cruelty. They were married at Galesburg April 9, 1897.

River Riptes.

The Columbia was up from Burlington and the Frontenac, David Tipton Ruth, and Emily were north and south. The stage of water was 5.85 at 6 a. m. and 6.00 at noon.

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